



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)

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From: Commanding Officer, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)
To: Tiger Selectee

Subj: ORDERS TO REPORT TO USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)

1. Congratulations on your selection as a GEORGE WASHINGTON Tiger. You can be justifiably proud of your selection and your assigned mission. Not every Sailor has the privilege to experience the "Spirit of Freedom" aboard the greatest Warship in the world!

2. You are to report aboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) no earlier than 0700 (7:00am) and no later than 1100(11:00am), 23 May 06 in port Naval Station Mayport, FL. (Mayport is located one hours drive east of the city of Jacksonville, FL). A GW Sailor will meet you at the security gate to assist you in obtaining base access.

3. You are required to report with at least one (1) form of picture I.D. This is required to grant you passage through the security gate at Naval Station, Mayport, FL.

4. If desired, you may manifest yourself on a Coach Bus providing transportation from Norfolk, VA to Mayport, FL by contacting: Tidewater Bus Service(757) 487-1278. The cost is approx. \$90.00 per person and must be paid no later than 01 May. The bus will load at the Naval Station Norfolk Base Theater, beside the Navy Exchange off Hampton Blvd. and I-564 Spur. Overnight parking will be available for those leaving their vehicles.

5. If arriving in Jacksonville, FL by air transportation, you may check in with the GW Tiger Advance Team at the USO (904 741-6655) at Jacksonville International Airport for information on transportation Naval Station Mayport. USO hours are 0900 until midnight.

6. Vehicles without DOD decals will not be granted access to the base.


7. Please report to the ship in a comfortable shirt, long trousers and closed-toed flat heeled shoes (ex. tennis shoes). Steel-toed shoes are preferable (for safety reasons), but not required. You will be on your feet a lot standing watch so please keep comfort in mind. Since you will be on board for two nights, you should have in your sea bag a minimum of two changes of clothing, one bath towel, one pair of shower shoes (sandals), one ditty bag (including toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, razor, shaving cream, and other toiletries), a bath robe, and two books or magazines.

8. You will be issued bedding for use during your stay; however, you may bring your own blanket, pillow, and sheets if desired. Storage space is limited; therefore, it is requested that you bring your personal items in a soft-sided bag. You will, most likely, be sleeping in a standard large berthing compartment rack. A normal rack is 6 feet long, 3 feet wide and 3 feet high, just enough room to lie in and turn over.

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9. In order to reserve your rack onboard we must have final confirmation (from you or your sponsor) of your intent to embark on or before 05 May 06. Please ensure you or your sponsor notifies the Tiger Cruise Coordinator via email (gwtigercruise@washington.navy.mil) to confirm your reservation.

10. Your stay aboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) promises to be a rewarding "once in a life time" experience. We look forward to your embarkation aboard the finest ship in the Fleet. Until then I wish you fair winds and following seas.


GARY R. WHITE
Captain, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer